(*f*) how many of these were tried and how many convicted; and

(*g*) what is the number of arrest warrants still out and of prosecutions still pending?

*A.*—(*a*) The loans advanced during the months of March, April and May amounted to Rs. 2,97,000 and the loans advanced during June amounted to Rs. 4,01,000.

The Government have no information as to the amounts of loans advanced to Mappillas and others respectively. The terms on which loans were issued were left to the discretion of the Collector under the control of the Special Commissioner for Malabar Affairs. It is understood that in the case of Mappilla rebels, loans for reconstruction of houses have been granted only for one year and subject to the payment of interest. Other Mappillas have been treated in precisely the same way as Hindus and others.

(*b*) No Mappillas have been permitted to commute their imprisonment for a fine; but up to the end of August 9,984 sentences of imprisonment on Mappilla offenders had been suspended on condition of continued good character and the payment of a fine in instalments proportionate to their means.

(*c*) Three thousand approximately.

(*d*) Five thousand approximately.

(*e*) Seven thousand four hundred and forty up to the middle of September 1922.

(*f*) Separate figures with respect to those arrested since the withdrawal of Martial Law are not available, but including men arrested before that date the number tried since then has been 5,308 and the number convicted 5,297.

(*g*) In the middle of September, the latest date for which complete figures are available, about 300 warrants were still unexecuted. The number of cases in which charges had been laid by the police, but which had not yet been tried, was reported to be 1,875.

*The Village Officers Hereditary Rights Act.*

418 Q.—Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether, with reference to the recent Revenue Recovery and Village Officers Hereditary Rights Acts passed by this Council, he would be pleased to make a statement respecting their operation in the Guntūr and Gōdāvari districts and covering generally the following points—

(*a*) the number of cases in which these Acts were brought into operation;

(*b*) the number of appeals preferred and how they were disposed of;

(*c*) whether the land revenue was recovered in time;

(*d*) whether any special conditions such as payment of several instalments in one lump-sum were imposed and, if so, the details thereof;

(*e*) what amount is still left unrecovered, and how far this is due to non-co-operation or to normal causes;

(*f*) the extent of the holdings attached and auctioned;

(*g*) whether there were sufficient biddings in such auctions;

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(*h*) the number of instances in which officials took part as bidders and the number and status of such officials;

(*i*) whether any lands were bought in by officials in such auctions, and, if so, their extent; and

(*j*) how many monigars and how many karnams were dealt with under the new Village Officers Hereditary Rights Act?

*A.*—(*a*), (*b*) & (*f*) to (*j*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The percentage of arrears to the current demand in the two districts at the end of January, February and March 1922 was:—

| District. | End of January. | End of February. | End of March. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Guntūr .. .. | 80·1 | 46·2 | 0·1 |
| Gōdāvari .. .. | 26·2 | 11·1 | 4·5 |

(*d*) The kistbandi for the Guntūr district was revised and the entire demand made payable in two instalments one in January and the other in February.

(*e*) The current demand of fasli 1331 outstanding at the end of June 1922, which is the latest month for which figures are available, is as follows:—

Gōdāvari .. .. Rs. 80,430 or 1·6 per cent of the total demand.

Guntūr .. .. Rs. 2,008 or ·03 of the total demand.

The Government have no information as to the causes to which these balances are due.

*Passenger guides in the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway.*

419 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway has appointed passenger guides specially for the help of third-class passengers and if so, the names of such guides and the stations to which they are attached?

*A.*—The question was referred to the Agent, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, who reports that nine officials, designated "Passenger inspectors," have been appointed on the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway to attend to the wants and comforts of passengers and to give them information; one inspector is stationed at each of the more important junctions, viz., Guntakal, Bangalore, Arkonam and Bezwada, and the remaining five are employed to travel on the principal passenger trains.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"I want the names of the passenger guides appointed, so that we may know from what class they are recruited and whether they are likely to be useful to that class of passengers who ordinarily travel in the third class."

The hon. Mr. A. R. Knapp:—"I am afraid, Sir, that I am not in a position to give the names of the passenger guides appointed."